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## Personal Mention

At a regular appointment at La Paz, Indiana, by Brother Summers, one was added to the church.

The readers of this paper will be glad to hear once more from Brother Lichty, Sunnyside, Washington. The work there is prospering.

Brother C. F. Yoder has been chosen by the class of 1901 to deliver the class address. We are glad to announce that Brother Yoder has accepted the invitation.

Sabbath April 21, brother J. A. Miller goes to Indiana to dedicate a new house of worship. The house is located near Roann, and the congregation under the pastoral care of W. H. Miller.

The article on Easter by Brother Gillin came too late for the first run on the paper, and hence appears out of its place. It reads just as well on page 15 as it would on page four or five, but it naturally belongs to the latter place.

Under date of March 29, Brother Beachler, Miamisburg, writes, "Am holding a week's meeting; will close Sunday night. No visible results as yet. Some are permitting very insignificant barriers to keep them out of the kingdom of God. Next Sunday afternoon will close my work at Dayton."

On Sabbath April 7, Brother Kimmel took charge of the Dayton work, and also of the Winchester congregation. It now behooves the people of Ohio to nobly stand by Brother Kimmel in the discharge of the responsible duties which he has assumed. We owe him financial and moral support.

Brother J. L. Bowman, Vinco, Pa., has sent us above a dozen new subscriptions since the beginning of our new offer, and the end is not yet. All new subscribers will receive five or six back numbers free, including the Twentieth Century Number, being the first issue in the new year.

At one of the regular appointments, Pittsburg, Pa., brother D. J. Bole presented the claims of the Publishing House, solicited subscriptions for the EVANGELIST to the end of the year and in a few minutes took seven new subscriptions. What

Brother Bole has done others can do also, and if every pastor in the brotherhood will present the matter to his people once or several times during the month of April we doubt not but that the full 500 subscriptions will be easily secured.

Brother Cassel paid us a very pleasant visit last week from Monday to Thursday night. Brother Cassel was here on special business which will be made known later. He is intensely interested in the work that is being done and that ought to be done here at Ashland, both by the College and the Publishing House.

Last Sabbath evening it was our privilege to hear an excellent address by Brother Furry, in the Presbyterian church, this place. The occasion was the meeting of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, and Brother Furry spoke of what Christianity has done for woman, and what woman in return has done for the cause of Christianity.

Thru private correspondence we learn that Brother Byers has preached his farewell sermon at Rosedale, Pa., and will take work in other parts of the brotherhood. Brother Byers served the people of that charge faithfully for a number of years and did good work. Brother J. H. Burnworth goes to Rosedale the coming Sunday and will preach for the brethren of that charge, including two other congregations.

Brother Marcus A. Witter and wife arrived at Ashland Monday night. He is now matriculated as a regular student in Ashland College and expects to take a full college course. For the time being this means a loss to the brotherhood but in the end the gain to the church will far outweigh the loss. Of the ministers located at Ashland at this time not less than six have held regular pastorates in the Brethren church, and of course it has weakened the force in the field; it could not be otherwise, but some day there will be an exodus of ministers from this place; there will go out from Ashland College a little army of men once each year, men stronger for having been here, men with power both intellectual and spiritual. We are yet in our formative period and this is preparation time for our young men, and this preparation is a very important part of one's life. The young man who expects to hold a place of usefulness in the Brethren ministry in the years to come must have training, and Ashland College is the place above all others to get that training. We are doing work now that should have been done fifteen years ago, and at this time we should be "at it" on a much larger scale, but it is not yet too late to redeem ourselves and build up for ourselves a strong ministry. Will we do it?

Some churches at least may take a hint from what Brother McFaden writes in "Brain Dust," as to the treatment too often accorded the pastor. There are churches in the brotherhood which allow the pastor's salary to run far behind, and then employ an evangelist, pay him a large sum for a work which in many cases the pastor could have done as well and for which he laid the foundation. This is all wrong. If the members of your congregation will get together and before God and the church agree to give the same help to the pastor as is usually given the evangelist, support him financially, morally and spiritually, in nine cases out of ten he will do as great a work if not greater as the imported evangelist, and in addition to this hold the hearts of the newly received members whose affections too often go with the departing evangelist. We are not setting up an argument against the evangelist or revivalist as he is sometimes called. He has his place and his work, but above

all things, yes above all things, stand by your pastor. If he is not the proper person to hold your revival meetings then as a rule (there are exceptions to the rule) he is not the proper person to be your pastor. The most successful revival work, the most permanent, the most far reaching in its results, is that done by the pastor, and there are congregations where the pastor and the leading members of the church have so thoroughly learned this lesson that no other but the pastor is allowed to do the regular revival work.

*To the people of Indiana:* Remember Easter Sunday. It is the day for a general collection for the support of your home work. Let it be the largest in the history of your State. You can make it so. Your Board is working hard to lay broad and deep the foundation of your home work, to make it strong so that in turn you may be able to reach out and help others. You have faithful, trusty men leading you in the work, and they will lead you to victory if you will follow them and carry out the instructions they give you. Read the last notice by Brother Miller. Make Easter Sunday an highday, and let your secretary, Brother Miller, report thru the columns of the EVANGELIST, the largest collection ever lifted in your State by the Brethren church at any one time. Will you do it?

*To the people of Ohio:* What we have said to the people of Indiana, we now say to the churches of the State of Ohio. It is not necessary that we should repeat the words. Our work centers in Dayton where Brother Kimmel has charge, and it is very promising. On this coming Sunday, Easter, April 7, let every pastor in the State take a collection for this work. Remember also that in connection with the Dayton work your Mission Board has arranged to take care of Troy, and for the next year our efforts will be concentrated on these two points. They will grow, the work will enlarge, and will become self-supporting. The collection in the State on Sunday, April 7, should not be less than \$100. Rather more. Send your money to J. D. Findley, Glenford, Ohio, and a report of the same will be made thru these columns. Remember that you have but a few Sundays before the Conference year closes, (June 1), and surely no congregation desires to be represented at that Conference unable to report a contribution to the mission work of the State.

*To the brotherhood at large:* We do not know of any special work announced for Easter in any of the Districts except those herein stated, Indiana and Ohio. Why should not the entire brotherhood take a collection on Easter Sunday, April 7, for the general or national mission work? The expense the last month has been heavy, almost double the usual amount, the interest on the Washington City church building having been due April 1, 1901, and the work of Brother Bowman in Chicago also adds to the expense. Brethren, let us meet these expenses promptly and not require the Board, at least not one member of the Board, to carry it for us. It is the church's work and the expense to carry it forward should be promptly met. If the churches outside the Districts of Indiana and Ohio will hold special collections on Easter Sunday, it will mean a general collection all over the brotherhood for missions, and what could be more fitting than this? It is the anniversary of the day when the Lord arose from the grave, triumphant over death. Do we appreciate what that day and that event mean to us? Then let us show our appreciation in a very liberal collection for the work in Washington and Chicago. Can you conceive of any greater honor than the privilege of sending the resurrection message to those who know not its power? The churches in Ohio and Indiana